Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, There is no question of including this in the next year's budget. Already there are 8 acres of land there. They are doing everything of ordinary agriculture there. I have reports from the Medical Officer there that he is doing a kind of gardening there. But as regards the introduction of any scientific method, it is impossible to try that, because by the time they study anything, it will be time to discharge them.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is enough if they are given conveniences to engage themselves in the ordinary pursuits of agriculture.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* For that, there are facilities there.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Then I beg leave of the house to withdraw the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn

The demand under "22 Medical" minus Rs. 4 was put and carried.

16. Medical (Cranganur) Rs. 6,454.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 6,454 under "16— Medical—Cranganur". I request that the House may be pleased to make the grant.

The demand was put and carried.

22. Ayurveda. Rs. 44,642.

*Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 44,642 for Ayurveda. Before entering into the discussion of the various cut motions, I would like to make a brief survey of the activities of this department and the proposals that are before the Government for further developing this department. As the House is well aware, we are gradually developing this department and though the number of hospitals and dispensaries has not been increased this year for want of funds, we hope that in the near future we would be able to increase the usefulness of this institutions by enlarging the scope of activity and by increasing their number. As I have pointed out the other day, there are two views about every question and there are two views with regard to Ayurveda also. Without entering into details, I will content myself with making one observation, that is, rightly or wrongly our people have got great belief in the efficacy of this Ayurvedic systems of treatment and it is the duty of Government, of course, supported by the House, to give further encouragement to this field of activity.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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